ensure that State Governments implement these directions faithfully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA); (a) t$_0$ (c) Th$_e$ Stat$_e$ Governments|Union Territories ffSve been advised to fix the same wagee for adult and child workers. The matter will be followed up if necessary.

Development of Wasteland

269. SHRIMATl PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the functions of (i) National Landuse' and Wastelands Development Corporation and (ii) National Wastdands Development' Board;

(b) whether th$_e$ organisations referred to abpve 'aave taken any initiativ$_e$ for wastelands development in the Union Territory $_0$f Delhi; if so, what are the details thereof areawise|placewise;

(c) if the reply t$_0$ part (b) abov$_e$ be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what .steps Government have taken o$_r$ propose to take to develop such land, particularly near the various small rail way stations|railway lines i$_n$ the Union Territory of Delhi?

THE • MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHA-JAN LAL): (a) A statement showing '\ fheir functions is placed ^{on} the table of the House *(See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir. A centrally sponsored scheme fo$_r$ "Rural Fuelwodd Plantation and Afforestation of Eco-sensitive Non-Himalayan Areas" j$_s$ under implementa-^{1} tion i$_n$ the Union Territory of Delhi. Further a "Delhj Wasteland Development Project" has been prepared with a view to meet ^{tne} fuelwooj anj fodder requirements and to develop forests in the Union Territory of Delhi with an outlay of Rs. 170 lakhs to cover an area of 2000 ha. in a period of four years.

(c) Does not $_a$rise.

(d) Plantation alongside of railway tracks has been taken up by Delhi Administration undejr social, forestry schemes "from the year 1984-85.

Statement

Role and functions oj National Landuse and Wastelands Development Council and National Wastelands Development Board.

1) National Landuse and Wastelands Development Council

The Council $_w$ill b$_e$ the highest • policy planning and coordinating agency for $^{a^{\wedge}}$ issues concerning the health and scientific management of the country's land resources. It will oversee the work of ' the. National Wastelands Development Board and the National Landus$_e$ and Conservation Board. Recommendations of these Boards which involve larger policy issues will be placed before the Council for taking a final view.

(2) National Wastelands Development Board

The principal aim of the Board shall be to bring under productive use, wastelands in the country through a massive programme of afforestation and tree planting/ To this end, it will undertake the following main functions:

(i) Formulate within the -overall National Policy, Perspective Pl$_{an}$ and Programmes for the management and development $_0$f wastelands in the country.

(ii) Identify the wastelands in the country to .be covered under the programme of the Board.

(iii) Review the progress of implementation of programmes and schemes for the development of wasteland by different agencies within and outside the Governmment.

(iv) Approve projects and schemes for the development of wastelands through Government and o[me]r agencies.

(v) Consider and fund projects and schemes of appropriate agencies for wastelands development.

(vi) Promote, encourage and finance development of wastelands ;n the country through the active involvement of non-Governlment organisations, voluntary agencie$ and the public at large, including the landless.

(vii) Collaborate with *i'ae* Central and State Government departments, agencies, local bodie$ and voluntary agencies with a [vi]ew to mobilising manpower, funds and other inputs re-quiirej for wastelands development programmes.

(viii) Sponsor development of appropriate technology and management; practices for wastelands develop- • I ment;

(ix) Create a reliable data ba$e and documentation Centre o$ related a[s]" pects of wastelands development;

(x) Prohiote a network of nurseries and "Seed Banks" to supply quality certified planting material and $eeds;

(xi) Promote training programmes and training materials for worke,r$ at various levels for optimal development utilisation of wastelands;

(xii) Prepare budgetary require:ments far the Board and its wastelands development schemes;

(xiii) Interact with financial institutions for funding wastelands develop- ! ment programmes;

' ' (xiv) Create general awaireness in favour of wastelands development, specially through the education syste,m;

(xv) Take up studies or set up expert groups "for the purpose of preparing pirojects|schemes|papers, reports etc. o$ specified schemes;

(xvi) Act in collaboration with the National Land Use and Conservation Board in regard to matter$ of common concern;

(xvii) Consider and undertake all other measures .necessary for promoting the development of wastelands.

Expenditure incurred on Election Campaign by Prime Minister

*270. SHRI M. A. BABY:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE;

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

hat are the dates on which the Prime Minister visited various States in connection with the election campaign for the elections held on March 23, 1987;

(b). what is the number °f election meetings held by him in each State; and

'(c) what is the total expenditure incurred by e'ach State on security arrangements, etc. for the Prime Minister in this context?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH; (a)

West Bengal'	March 5, 6, 14, 19, 20 and 21 1987.
Kerala	March 7, 15, 16 and 20, 1987.
J&K	March 17, 18 and 20, 1987.
(b) West Bengal	75
Kerala	53
J&K	24